



British Dental Students' Association

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British Dental Students' Association (BDSA) Behaviour Policy 2023

The aim of the British Dental Students' Association (BDSA), as outlined by its constitution, is to promote unity and liaison between dental students in Britain. The annual BDSA Sports Day and Conference are organised to help fulfil this aim. These are both popular events involving a large number of students; it is therefore important to encourage good behaviour at the events in order to ensure that a professional image of dental students is maintained.

The aim of this document is to outline the behaviour expected by the BDSA of dental students at BDSA events. It also details the consequences should students fail to meet these standards. This document has been produced to help define the process should complaints be made against dental students at BDSA events.

At all BDSA events, all students are expected to:

- Respect all other students present at the event.
- Maintain good behaviour in their own, arranged accommodation, including respect for other guests and hotel staff.
- Respect staff and facilities at sports grounds, lecture venues, ball venues and social venues used for the event.
- Maintain 100% lecture attendance when attending the BDSA Conference.
- Maintain good sportsmanship when attending BDSA Sports Day.
- Respect and adhere to any decisions made by the event's organising committee and/or the BDSA Executive Committee.
- Follow any other terms and conditions given by the event organisers

Students should not do any of the following:

- Attend BDSA events without having purchased the correct ticket from the organising committee.
- Create disturbances when staying in hotels organised for the event and the noise level should be kept to a minimum, especially late at night.



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- Put yourself or other students at risk e.g. through excessive alcohol intake
- Bring or take any illegal or recreational drugs at BDSA events. This will be reported directly to the Deans of the dental school.
- Publish/upload any public/social media that could impact on the confidence of patients in dental students and the profession
- Behave in any way that could be considered unprofessional, and as a result have a detrimental effect on patients' confidence in you and the dental profession.
- Use any offensive or derogatory terms to any individual.

Poor behaviour at BDSA events will be reported to the BDSA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then assess the situation fully before coming to a decision on how to proceed. Poor behaviour may result in any of the following occurring:

- Offending students will be prevented from attending future BDSA events.
- Respective Deans of the Dental Schools involved will be informed of what has occurred. Once informed, it is then a matter to be resolved within the University.
- Should any damages or disturbances result in monetary fines, the offending students will be required to resolve these payments. It is not the responsibility of the BDSA, the organising committee or the University to pay any fines incurred.
- Each situation will be managed by the BDSA Executive committee on a case by case basis
- Decisions made by the BDSA Executive Committee are final.
- Appeals can be made to the newly elected BDSA executive committee, excluding the Past President, in writing.
- The BDSA Executive Committee will investigate and rule on the initial complaint and the Past President will deal with the appeal.
- Should students be restricted from attending future events, it is the responsibility of the organising committee to not allocate them a ticket.

Make sure your personal behaviour at our event maintains confidence in the dental profession, in-keeping with [GDC Standards](#).



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Signed, on behalf of the BDSA Executive and BDSA Council 2022/2023, by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Joshua Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joshua Kennedy
President of the British Dental Students' Association (BDSA)

